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When the Fire Fell in Ireland

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There were four young men in Ireland whose hearts were burdened for the salvation of souls. They believed in the power of prayer, and met together for united earnest intercession for revival. The story of George Muller, and his great orphanage at Bristol, England, supported entirely in answer to believing prayer, quickened the faith of the young men. They began to believe that God could and would do mighty things in answer to their prayers.

Prayer Meetings Multiply

Others also, who longed for revival, joined this prayer band, and they began to see definite conversions in answer to their intercession. Then came the news of the great revival in the United States, and the faith of the members of the prayer group was still further strengthened.

They heard that in New York City large numbers of business men met daily for prayer. Like Jacob of old, the young men cried out: "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." They believed the Word of God in Matthew 18:19 and 20: "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Flame Bursts Forth in 1859

Prayer meetings in Ireland began to multiply, and people were being saved daily. Then the fire fell from heaven! John Shearer in his book, "Old Time Revivals," tells what happened: "A great revival is like a forest fire. At first

there is only a thin line of flame. But soon its progress is so swift and widely diffused that they eye can no longer keep pace with it. The flame bursts forth at once in many places, and now we see but one great conflagration. So it was with this marvelous work of grace. You might observe its course in Connor and a little beyond in 1858. But in 1859 the heavenly fire was leaping up and spreading in all directions through Antrim, Downs, Derry, Tyrone, and the other counties of Ulster, and to this day '59 is remembered as the pre-eminent year of grace.

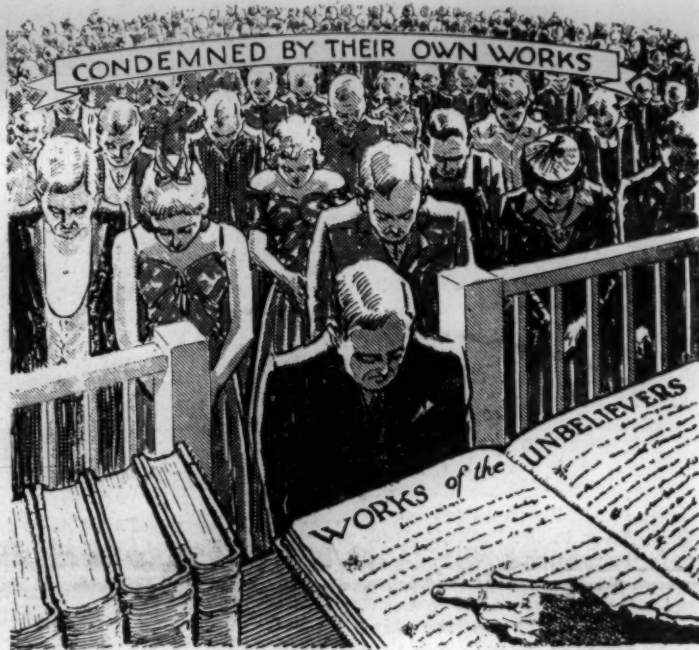
"As it advanced, it burned with a fierce intensity. In Connor the conversions were of a comparatively quiet type. But in Ahoghill Ballymena, and elsewhere, there was a great smiting down. Sin was felt as a crushing and intolerable burden, and men and women often fell to the earth and continued for days in a state of utter prostration. Others were suddenly pierced as by a sharp sword, and their agonized cry for help was heard in the streets and in the fields. Here, for example, is a farmer returning from market in Ballymena. His mind is wholly

WHEN SKELETONS COME OUT OF THE CLOSETS

When the Ghosts of Past Sins Come to Haunt You, When Chickens Come Home to Roost, When Sinners Receive Their Wages, When God's Record Books Are Opened at the Last Judgment of the Unsaved Dead

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."—Rev. 20:12.



Men say that some things are "as certain as death." Well, the coming of every condemned sinner to stand in judgment before God is one of the things that are as certain as death. The Scripture links them together. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Man cannot get by with sin. The Scripture says, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). With all the reaping of sorrow that sin causes in this world, you may be sure that the penalty for sin has not yet been paid, has not probed to the depth of its wickedness, and that the fruitage, the bitter, the tragic, eternal, hellish fruitage of sin has not been brought to light in this life. No, men must stand before God and be judged for their sin. Unsaved men, condemned men, doomed men, men who will have already tasted the torments of the damned in Hell, these men and women and children must stand

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'He Shall Save His People'

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You will find the text for this message in Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

This was the grandest announcement that has ever been made. It was the announcement of Heaven that God the Son should become flesh and dwell among us. It was an announcement that the eyes of man should behold Him as He should show forth the glory of the Father and interpret His love for

man. This announcement speaks distinctly of, first, God's provision of love; and, second, it answers man's greatest problems.

L. God's Provision of Love

In John 3:16, we read: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This has been called the most wonderful sentence ever written. It has also been called the Bible in miniature. You will notice in it, God's provision of love. He so loved that He gave His only begotten Son. This provision is three-fold. Let us notice:

1. It Was Pre-Existent

In II Corinthians 5:21, we are told, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Notice that expression, "He was made sin for us." Oh, the wondrous, unfathomable, matchless love of God! It was no after-thought. In Jeremiah 31:3, "The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee." And, again, in Revelation 13:8, mention is made of "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." In I Peter 1:18-20, God tells us that the re-

demption which is provided in this pre-existent love was by this precious blood of Christ, "a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

Ah, no! my dear friend, God loved you before ever the mountains were formed, or before the angels of God shouted for joy. His provision of love was pre-existent, and was the theme which the angels desired to look into. It was the theme that the prophets inquired of and searched diligently for.

Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!

Oh the grace that brought it down to man!

Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span

At Calvary!

God's appointment of Calvary was but the working out of His love plan. Not only was this provision pre-existent, it was

2. Prophesied

What is the meaning of all the types, ceremonies, symbols and prophecies of the Old Testament Scriptures? It is nothing more than that the Lamb of God was to be slain for our offenses and raised for our justification. Man was made in the image of God,

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21 Reported Conversions in December Through Literature

Below are a few of the letters which came to the Sword of the Lord during December:

"Chattanooga, Tennessee
December 2, 1946
"Sword of the Lord Publishers,
"Wheaton, Illinois
"Messrs:

"I thank you very much for the one hundred copies of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' sent to me a few weeks ago. I am trying to hand them out wisely.

"I handed my pastor a copy and he said he baptized a woman not long ago who was saved by reading the tract. I called the lady next day and she said that it was true, and that the woman who gave her the tract came and asked for it back and gave it to another unsaved woman, she read it and was saved...."

Rev. W. P. Stansbury.

"Dr. Rice's pamphlet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' did more to lead me to the Lord than any single thing. So I am anxious to have a few copies of this pamphlet, prayerfully hoping that they may help others, too."

Pvt. Robert E. D.
Parris Island, S. C.

"Union Star, Missouri
November 17, 1946

"Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
"The Sword of the Lord,
"Wheaton, Illinois

"Dear Sir:

"I read your sermon on A Good Man Lost and a Bad Man Saved on Thursday night, November 14, and somehow it seemed to strike home to me my great need of salvation. So after reading the decision for Christ at the end, I signed it, firmly believing in all it contained.

"I would greatly appreciate your letter of counsel and also your

prayers for me. I am a young man, twenty-five years old and this old world gets pretty rough sometimes."

Ellis E. —

"December 28, 1946

"Tear Brother Rice:

"I wanted to write you a few lines as I knew you would be interested in what I have to tell you.

"My husband and I have been saved for a good many years and since then have prayed constantly for my three brothers along with others. One in particular has always been interested and I would often tell him what Jesus wanted to do for him. It seemed he just couldn't quite grasp it.

"This Christmas morning we got a call from Cocoa, Florida. It was from my brother Everett. He said he wanted to tell me in person before he wrote it—that he had been saved! He said he wouldn't take anything for the peace and joy he had in his heart. He said the one thing which had been the means of changing everything and opening his eyes was THE SWORD OF THE LORD which we had sent him a copy of October 25. It was Dr. Hankins' message, 'The Saddest Word Ever Spoken by Our Lord,' which I had especially marked for him to read.

"I knew you would rejoice with us for another soul who has been brought into the fold, and I wanted to ask a favor of you. I know you are very busy but I would like so very much if you would write him a letter of counsel and encouragement, too...."

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sharpe
Canton, Ill.

"2 December, 1946

"At Sea Aboard S. S. Marine
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Evangelist Louis Wunneburger

When Skeletons Come Out of the Closets

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before God in judgment.

Then, out of the closet of the dead past will come the grinning, horrible skeletons of past sins, to face and condemn every sinner. Skeletons must all come out of their closets, and chickens must come home to roost, in the language of old proverbs.

Warning after warning has fallen from the mouth of God to sinners about judgment and the result of sin. We are warned, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap!" (Gal. 6:7). We well know that man does not do all his reaping in this life. No, God has yet a trump card to play. God will yet call men, unsaved, unrepentant, unregenerate men, to judgment. There they will reap what they sow, receive their just and public sentence, and depart to a lake of fire and a Christless, hopeless, peaceless eternity.

"The wages of sin is death," says Romans 6:23. Does any man doubt it? Yea, but the wages are worse than you know. The death is more terrible than you dreamed—a living death, a death of condemnation and torment, a soul forsaken by the Spirit of God, his body condemned to a lake of fire! And the last judgment of the unsaved dead will simply be payday for sinners.

The twentieth chapter of Revelation very carefully and in detail describes the last judgment of the unsaved dead. What I shall say in this message will not be imagination nor man's opinion, but will be based entirely on the plain Word of God. Therefore, in fear of God, and for the sake of your immortal souls, I beg you, readers—you who have souls that must spend eternity somewhere, you who are certain for Hell or Heaven, you who must give an account to God—I beg you to read most carefully and prayerfully what the Bible says about the last judgment of the unsaved dead.

The first chapter of Revelation is introduction, and chapters two and three are the messages to the seven churches. These seven churches are evidently typical of the congregations of Christians through the ages until the second coming of Christ. Then the fourth chapter of Revelation begins by symbolizing the rapture of the saints, a door opened in Heaven, a voice like a trumpet saying, "Come up hither," and the saints caught up to meet the Lord in the air, as John was in spirit caught up when he saw the "things which must be hereafter."

After picturing the rise of the man of sin, the plagues of the Great Tribulation, and the worldwide ruin wrought under the rule of this "beast" or Antichrist, the climax comes in the nineteenth chapter when Christ is pictured returning to earth with saints and angels, crowned with many crowns, King of kings and Lord of lords. Then comes the mighty battle of Armageddon when the armies of the beast, two hundred million men (Rev. 9:16), are slaughtered, and only two, the Antichrist or beast himself and his false prophet, are not killed. These two are cast alive with physical bodies into the lake of fire.

Now we come to the twentieth chapter of Revelation where is pictured the last judgment of the unsaved dead.

Do not miss a word of this chapter. Read it prayerfully now, and we will refer to it repeatedly.

"1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

"2. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

"3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousands years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

"4. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

"5. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

"6. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

(Verses 7 to 10 tell us that when the thousand years are expired, Satan will be loosed a little season and cause a great rebellion and then will be cast forever into the lake of fire.)

"11. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

"12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

"13. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.

"14. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

"15. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

I believe we can understand the last judgment of the unsaved dead, pictured in Revelation, chapter 20, especially in verses 11 to 15, if we study this passage with three questions in mind. They are: First, of the several judgments mentioned in the Bible, which is this? Second, who will be judged there? And third, how will they be judged? Remember, three words sum up the lessons we bring from God's Word about this last great judgment of the unsaved dead. They are: Which? Who? How?

1. Which, of Several Bible Judgments, Is This?

Here at the beginning of the thousand years' reign there are thrones on the earth and people reigning. Christ, of course, will reign on David's throne at Jerusalem. The apostles will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Other saints of God will reign in various capacities. The saints pictured in Heaven in Revelation 5:10 praise Christ saying, "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

With the saints of the present age, others will reign too—those converted during the Great Tribulation, after the rapture of the saints. Some who will be beheaded by the Antichrist because of their witness for Jesus and because they will not take the mark of the beast, will die; and when Jesus returns to reign, will be resurrected and reign "with Christ a thousand years." Verse 5 is very important. "The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection." This proves there are two resurrections. The saved who will have been taken away at the rapture, caught up in the clouds to meet Christ,

and who return with Christ from Heaven to reign on the earth, plus those who are converted during the tribulation period, are all in "THE FIRST RESURRECTION."

The rest of the dead, that is, the unsaved people, will be in THE SECOND RESURRECTION but that will be a thousand years later. This distinction is clearly made here and you should never forget it. The saved people will be in the first resurrection. The lost people will all be in the second resurrection. The first resurrection comes before the thousand years' reign of Christ on earth, or at the beginning, while the second resurrection of the unsaved dead takes place at the close of the thousand years' reign on earth. Verse 6 plainly says that it is a blessed thing to have part in the first resurrection, since none of these will go to the second death.

You may have heard talk about a "general resurrection," but the Bible never uses that term. There is no "general resurrection." There are two resurrections, entirely separate, one thousand years apart in time. The first resurrection is of saved people; the second resurrection of lost people. All those in the first resurrection are saved, and all those in the second resurrection are judged according to their sins and sent forever into the lake of fire.

You will notice that this is not the only judgment, but this is the last judgment. There are several judgments discussed in the Bible.

1. The Judgment of Christians, Already in Resurrected, Glorified Bodies, Already in Heaven

When Christians are caught up to meet Christ in the air, then we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and saved people will be rewarded according to their works. Salvation is free and then after God gives us salvation free, He rewards us in addition, according to our works. In that judgment in Heaven none but Christians will take part.

2. The Judgment of Those Alive of All Nations Later

When Christ returns to the earth and sits on the throne of His glory, we are told that all nations shall be gathered before Him and He will separate them as a shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. That is described in Matthew 25: 31-46, and Jesus, explaining the parable of the tares, (Matt. 13) mentions the same judgment. Remember, that judgment is at the beginning of the thousand years' reign, a judgment of the living on earth. In that judgment will be the Gentile "sheep" (Christians), Gentile "goats" (lost people) and the "brethren" (the Jews). It will be a judgment of the people left alive on the earth after the battle of Armageddon. The judgment of Matthew, chapter 25, is at the first of the thousand years' reign, remember.

3. The Last Judgment of the Unsaved Dead Who Will Be Brought Out of Hell to Receive Their Final Sentences and in Living, Resurrected Bodies Be Cast Soul and Body into the Lake of Fire

This is the judgment to which I call your attention today. This great white throne judgment we have just read about in Revelation 20:11-15 is at the close of the thousand years' reign. They are not the same. The judgment of the living nations on earth will take place with Jesus sitting on His throne at Jerusalem, the throne of His glory. This judgment in Revelation, the last judgment of the unsaved dead, will take place away out in space, with Christ sitting upon a great white throne and with earth and heaven fled away from His face. Matthew, chapter 25, speaks of Christ judging the living, but Revelation, chapter 20, tells of the later judgment of the dead.

In the study of this judgment which we have read in Revelation, chapter 20, verses 11 to 15, the past tense is used because there John is telling us of a vision which he has already seen. But the vision is a revelation of the future. This is God's warning of the judgment yet to come when poor lost sinners will be dragged out of Hell to face Jesus Christ, when God's record books will be opened, when sinners will receive their wages. Sinners already condemned, already in Hell, will be called out,

not to see whether they are lost, but rather to publicly confess their sins and publicly have sentence passed upon them before the assembled beings of all the universe of God! This is the last judgment of the unsaved dead.

II. Who Will Be Judged Here?

1. Not a Single Christian; Only the Unsaved

Some people believe that every soul, saved and lost—those who have trusted Christ for salvation as well as sinners—will be judged according to their works at the judgment here described. That is not true. Praise the Lord, a born-again child of God will not come to be judged and be in jeopardy of his soul! Those who believe that men must save themselves by good works naturally believe that Heaven is attained by righteous deeds and that Hell is the penalty for those who do not live right. But the Bible never teaches any kind of salvation by works. Rather we are told, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9).

Do you know why a Christian can never come to this judgment and be in danger of eternal damnation? The answer is this: Jesus Christ has been judged already for the sins of God's children. All who trust in Him are forgiven and their sins are blotted out. God is a just God who must demand that sin be paid for. But since God is a just God, He cannot demand that sin be paid for twice. If I accept the price that Jesus paid for my sins, then I shall not come into condemnation. John 5:24 says:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

The Revised Version of the Bible makes this even clearer. In this version we read:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life."

"Cometh not into judgment!" One who has trusted in Jesus Christ will never come to judgment to suffer the loss of his soul. Praise the Lord for that sweet promise!

If I should come to be judged for my deeds, I would go to Hell, for I am a sinner and the Bible says that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die." The Bible says that "the wages of sin is death." So I deserve death. It is only by the mercy of God that Jesus has taken my place, has been judged for my sin, and I am now forgiven. I am not condemned; I shall not come into condemnation nor into judgment.

We, then, will not be judged at the judgment of the unsaved dead. Remember that these are the dead. For a thousand years their ashes have been trodden under feet during the reign of Christ on earth. All these in this judgment are lost people. Not a single person who was ever born again will be judged in this judgment. It is a judgment of the "dead," and at this time all the saints of God will have been resurrected a thousand years before.

Christians, to be sure, will be present, but will not be judged. They will be present only as witnesses. Remember that Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold, a greater than Jonas is here" (Matt. 12:41). The people of Nineveh who repented and were saved will be witnesses against others. So other Christians will be present as witnesses against every sinner who rejected Christ. I will give testimony in that day against every sinner who ever heard me preach, every careless one to whom I spoke about his soul and handed a tract. The mother in that day will be for Christ and against her own son and will witness to her tears and pleadings which he rejected. Christians will be present but will not be judged in this judgment. It is a judgment of the unsaved dead whose spirits have been

brought back from Hell and whose bodies have been brought out of the graves. This is the second resurrection, and all these will stand before God to be judged.

2. Both Small and Great Are Sinners Alike

Notice that both "the small and the great" stand before God. There will be no partiality in this court. In human courts many can hire shrewd lawyers. Sometimes a witness or a juror can be bribed. Often a witness is dead or cannot be obtained, or evidence is overlooked. Shrewd, crooked lawyers can get a case postponed, or by technicality can defeat or postpone justice. But when the sinner comes out of Hell to stand before God, the great and small are alike in His terrible presence. Sinner, you may be big or important or smart. You may have "gotten by" with sin for a long time, but I remind you that you must one day stand before God whether you are great or small!

We are plainly told in Romans 14:11, "As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." Paul in this verse in Romans, is quoting from Isaiah 45: 23: "Unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." So every lost soul must appear before God in the physical body, with a knee to how and with a tongue to confess to God. This is part of the exaltation of Jesus Christ, for Philippians 2:9-11 says:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

This Scripture certainly means that every angel in Heaven and all the saved who are reigning with Christ on earth and all the condemned sinners in Hell, "under the earth," will be compelled to bow in humility and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. They will not love Jesus, they will not trust Him for salvation, and it will be too late for them to be saved. But the stiff knee of every rebellious and Christ-rejecting sinner will bow before Jesus Christ in humility, and every blaspheming tongue will at that time confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Master that they ought to have served and loved.

3. Sinners With Physical Bodies, Literal Knees and Tongues

How terrible that will be for you, sinner, after a thousand years in the torments of Hell, to receive a physical, resurrected body and come back to face Jesus Christ whom you have scorned and hated and despised and rejected! I can imagine that the inmates of Hell will shrink in horror from that terrible ordeal. This is the only time that a sinner will ever get out of Hell. I have no doubt that everyone there would prefer to remain than to appear before Christ; have every sin he ever did or thought revealed and be compelled to confess them!

We remember that Jesus came first to this earth as a Lamb of God, meek and lowly in heart. He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He received the name Jesus for He was to "save his people from their sins." He healed, but He did not smite. He forgave, but He did not execute judgment. But Jesus will come the second time, not as Servant, but as Judge, not as Prophet, but as King.

I have heard that once a wild runaway horse tore down the streets of a city. In the careening buggy behind him was a young man. He had lost the reins. He had no control over the frightened beast and sudden death seemed to be upon him. A lawyer rushed into the street, seized the bits of the horse, held on and on, was dragged down the street, but stopped and quieted the horse and saved the young man's life. A few years later this young man was tried for murder, was found guilty and stood before the judge. The young man recognized in the judge the lawyer who had saved his life. The judge said, "Have you anything to say for yourself before

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sentence is pronounced?" The young man cried out, "Judge, don't you know me? You saved my life at the risk of your own. I appeal to you for mercy. Isn't there something you can do. Don't let them hang me, Judge!" Very sadly the judge replied, "Young man, I was once your savior and risked my life to save you. Now I am your judge and must execute the law!" For every sinner who will be dragged out of Hell to this last judgment, Jesus died. To every one of them He was offering salvation. Their sins were paid for on the cross. We are told that "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). With what agony! what love! what mercy! Jesus provided the way of escape for these sinners at infinite cost to Himself! He did not want them to come to this place of judgment. "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek. 33:11). Again we are told that He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Pet. 3:9). Jesus came into the world, not to condemn the world, but "that the world through him might be saved." All these have come to this awful moment because they would not take mercy when it was offered, they would not heed when they were called, they would not receive the salvation that was offered. To all these Jesus longed to be Saviour. Since they would not receive Him as Saviour now they must face Him as Judge.

Well I know, dear reader, that some of you never mentioned the name of God except with an oath and you cannot say the name of Christ or God Almighty without blasphemy. The holy God, your Creator, and you take His name in vain! Again and again I preach on the street and sometimes bystanders will not even remove their hats. In many a revival service I find that wicked sinners will not even bow their heads to pray, and sometimes they smile and whisper when Christians call on God. Pray! No, you do not pray! You do not know what it is to bow your head over a meal and humbly thank God who gave it. You do not kneel by year bed and ask for safekeeping during the night. You cannot say even a word of praise to God when He heals your sick wife or baby, when He gives you a new job and pours out upon you a multitude of blessings. No, you do not pray! But some day you will pray, my friend, and pray in public! You will bow the knee before God, confess your sins to Him and confess that Christ is Lord. If God cannot be glorified in your love and surrender, then He will be glorified in your damnation, for demons and sinners from Hell will bow the knee to Christ as surely as angels and saints do. The dead, small and great, must stand before God and bow the knee and confess.

The "knee" refers to the physical body. The "tongue" refers to the physical body. Resurrected sinners in bodies fresh from the graves and the sea will stand before God to be judged in the flesh for deeds done in the flesh and then to be cast, both soul and body, into Hell, the lake of fire.

Bodies Raised from the Sea and Graves

Does it astonish you that God could raise a physical body? Is it harder for God to assemble the dust of a body, rotted a thousand years before, than to form the first man out of the dust of the earth? Is it hard for God to assemble a body whose flesh has been eaten by the fish of the sea or the fowls of the air? Not if you have an infinite God, a Creator. The last grave will be opened in every cemetery. A thousand years before the saints will have been raised and their graves left empty; now the remaining graves will give up their dead as spirits come out of Hell to possess

III. How Will Sinners Be Judged? On What Basis Is This Judgment?

1. According to Perfect Records of God

Two kinds of books are mentioned here. First, the books are plural. "The dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." God speaks in all this passage as if it were already accomplished. With God there is no yesterday and no tomorrow. He knows all things in the future as intimately as He knows the present. The dead are in God's sight already judged. But publicly, before the assembled universe, they will be judged out of these books which are the records of their sins. The other book is the book of life which we will mention later.

The sins which others forget, God remembers. Your works are written down. You may be sure this will be a fair judgment. All the facts will be known. The records are exact. There will be no chance for perjury. Every witness involved will be present. Every memory will be sharp and clear. Every prisoner before the bar will confess his sins. Every plea will be "GUILTY!"

2. Exactly According to Their Works Sinners Will Get Exactly

What They Deserve; No More, No Less

Notice this, my brother, you will make your own Hell. We are told that "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Every man who goes to Hell makes his own way, pays for his own ticket. He is only receiving his proper wages and getting what is his due. There will be different degrees of punishment in Hell just as there are different degrees of sin. All go to Hell who do not accept Christ as Saviour and trust in Him. They go to the same Hell but are judged "according to their works." Some people will suffer more than others in Hell, depending on the opportunities they rejected and the sins they have committed, for Jesus said, "It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgement, than for you" (Matt. 11:22). It will be more bearable for some than others.

Every man who goes to Hell, I say, pays his own way, for the wages of sin is death. But every man who goes to Heaven rides on a free pass furnished by Jesus Christ, for "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." In fact, all of us deserve to go to Hell for all of us have sinned. Those who trust Christ escape their wages and get instead the gift of God, eternal life.

A tender child who comes to know himself a sinner, and who rejects Christ and dies unsaved,

will go to Hell. But how much heavier will be the punishment of the wicked man, who after great enlightenment continues in sin, rejecting every offer of mercy! "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes" (Luke 12:47, 48). Men make their own Hell. There will not be one single whine about injustice at this judgment. Every man will get exactly his due. Oh, God's justice! It is not justice we need, it is MERCY! There is mercy for those who trust Christ, but only justice for those who die without repentance and come to this judgment of the unsaved dead.

God's record books will be opened, brother. Your sins will be made known. Your secret sins will come to light in that day.

3. Secret Sins Will Be Brought to Judgment

We look about us and think well of the people we see. Sometimes I have known Christians who were rebellious that sinners should go to Hell. They think of sinners about them as nice, respectable, decent people. Sometimes a mother takes sides with her unsaved boy against God. Sometimes a wife says, "Oh, my husband is the best man in the world if he would just join the church." But I remind you that God sees the heart. "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord

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looketh on the heart." And "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked," Jeremiah 17:9 tells us. Brother, God knows your secret sins. In some home where this sermon is read, the husband appears to be loyal and true to the wife he swore to protect and provide for and cherish. She does not know, and perhaps few others know, that he has broken his marriage vow which he made before God and the woman who trusted him and before the public. Loving wives are sometimes blind, but my brother, God is not blind! That sin is put down in His record book and one day will be read to the world and you must confess it to Him. Your sins will find you out! Your skeletons will come out of their closets! Your chickens will come home to

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Roost! That which is whispered in secret will be shouted from the housetop!

Oh, the torment of hidden sins! What trembling, what anxiety, what forebodings of evil, what torment of soul we have when we hide our sins and yet we fear they will be discovered! A woman wrote me from a distant state to tell me she was in torment of conscience over a sin committed when she was a young woman. Later she had married, had a beautiful child, and her husband adored and trusted her. Through the years she had felt unworthy and wrote to ask me what she could not ask her pastor: should she confess to her husband the sin of her young womanhood? In her case she had already confessed to God and her sin was under the blood. She had been true to her husband since she married him and I wrote that she was under no obligation to confess it to anybody. It was buried in the sea of God's forgetfulness and forgiven, since she had confessed it to Him with penitent heart. But how many thousands there are who have covered sins! Remember that the Bible says, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13). The horrible thing about the last judgment will be that sins will all be uncovered and secret things will be brought to light.

While I was in a revival in an Oklahoma town some years ago, a wife discovered in her husband's pocket a letter which proved he had been untrue to her, had committed adultery with another woman. Her heart was broken with grief and shame. Eventually she told her husband what she had found. With a horror of shame, he admitted his guilt. Then he said, "If you will forgive me, let us both get right with God, trust Him for salvation and then live true to each other and God." She agreed and they both were happily converted and she told my wife the story. That sin was uncovered and forgiven. But what about the sins hidden through all these years, unforgiven, unconfessed, unrepented? What about the sins that are kept secret now but revealed on the judgment day?

I remember years ago in a north Texas town a grocerman of high standing in his community. He was an active church member and had the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends. To the horror of his family and friends, he was arrested, tried and proven guilty of a long series of thefts through the years, seemingly deliberate, and was sentenced for a term of years in the penitentiary. I will never forget how shocked were his friends. Oh, the grief and shame when hidden sins come to light! And come to light they will when God's record books are opened.

Some person who reads this has stolen some money. You took it when no one knew it. Perhaps you have not been suspected at all. You are looked upon as the soul of honor and yet you are a thief! God knows it, and one day it will come out. You took property that did not belong to you. Well, you had as well make up your mind that one day if you go on without Christ and without having your sins forgiven, your sins will be uncovered to the whole world when God opens His record books!

There are many murderers abroad in the land. Many have never been punished, and far too many have never even been tried. Some, God knows, have never been suspected. Yet you dealt the poison or used the knife or pulled the trigger that sent some soul out to meet God. Or you drove the car that caused death. Do you think you have gotten by? Never mind, the eye that sees all things has witnessed it! The book that cannot lie holds the record of it. And when you are dragged before the mighty Judge

of all the earth, your record will be there.

Many women seem so modest, so virtuous, so kind: they are never suspected of murder. They pass for upright and moral mothers and wives; and only God knows, perhaps, that they are the murderesses of their unborn children! Little innocents that never knew the light of day, little ones that died before they were born and yet who had a soul given of God; little ones that ought to have been received with love and care—these will witness at the great white throne judgment against the red-handed murderesses, their mothers.

Oh, God! What a reaping for our sowing! Yes, your sin will find you out. Every skeleton will come out of the closet at the judgment of the unsaved dead.

And how happy are those who have turned all their sins over to Jesus and gotten forgiveness and sweet peace! How happy are those whose sins are all paid for on the cross and to whom is ascribed and imputed the righteousness of Jesus instead of our own sinful record!

4. A Judgment of Uncommitted Sin—That Is, Sins of the Heart

No human court can ever give exact justice. The trial may prove that a certain man pulled the trigger and that his bullet killed another man. But the evidence cannot show perfectly what was in his heart. Only God knows the heart. And so God puts down the correct record.

You never committed murder, you say? As men see it, no, but in God's sight doubtless you have. For were you not just as angry sometimes as the man who did kill another? Have you had hate or unforgiveness or grudges in your heart? Then those lead to murder, and in God's sight constitute the act of murder, for in I John 3:15 we are told, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." God's record book shows the murder that took place in your heart. It shows not only the adultery that was physical and outward, but the adultery that took place in every lustful heart where none else could see. Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:27, 28). "The covetous is a thief, the deceiver is a liar, the hater is a murderer, the lustful is an adulterer! Many of us are like the Pharisees, outwardly whited sepulchers, but inwardly we are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness! Many of us have sheep's clothing, but inwardly we are ravening wolves. If one reads this who depends on his morality, then I remind you that the Pharisees who crucified Jesus were moral, too, but oh, the wickedness of their hearts! And after you have been in Hell for over a thousand years and are dragged out to face Jesus Christ on His throne and bow the knee to Him, then the true record of your heart will be opened!

It must be apparent to all that any one who comes to this judgment is certain to be condemned. When it comes to any judgment passed on our own deeds, there could be only one outcome. Man is so wicked that any time man receives justice he receives condemnation. The Scripture says:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).

We are told that

"... we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one"

(Rom. 3:9-12).

And again:

"For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:22, 23).

And again:

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (I John 1:10).

What chance has any sinner before God without mercy? It is written that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4), and "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). So every man, woman and child who comes to this last great judgment of the unsaved dead to be judged according to his works will meet only condemnation. This judgment is not to find out whether or not men are sinners. It is only the public and official confirmation of their guilt so that every person in Heaven and Hell will admit the justice of God. Reader, if you come to be judged before the great white throne, then eternal torment is your portion and there is no escape!

5. "And Whosoever Was Not Found Written in the Book of Life Was Cast Into the Lake of Fire"

Besides the record books, another book will be opened at that judgment. It is the book of life. And that is the final humiliation, the final condemnation, the final blow to every hope of every sinner at this terrible judgment before Jesus on the great white throne. Why is it brought here, this book of life? Not a person here has his name written therein, so why should it be brought here? Not a word is said about any one of all the millions assembled here having his name in the book of life. Then what is its purpose in this judgment? The answer is this: it is God's final answer to every plea of the sinner. When the book of life is closed, then mercy is gone.

It is true that people go to Hell because of their sins and that their punishment is proportioned to their guilt and according to their works. And yet in the last analysis people do not go to Hell so much for their sins, for all their lives of sin, as they do for the one sin of rejecting Christ. Every sinner deserves Hell, but a way of escape is offered in Jesus Christ. He has died for every sinner, paid every debt, offered mercy and pardon to every guilty soul. Those who come to God by faith in Christ, His crucified Son, have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. The book of life contains not the names of good people, but the names of bad people who have been forgiven. The book of life does not contain the names of those who have earned Heaven, but the names of those deserving Hell who have been freely pardoned and whose sins are under the blood of Christ! So here the book of life is brought; and against every sinner after his record book is opened and he has confessed all his sins and bowed the knee to Jesus Christ, the last witness is brought out—and that is the book of life! They search through those pages and their names are not there! How solemn it must make us when we realize that Heaven or Hell is not decided at the great white throne judgment but is decided here in this life! It is only now while we live and are moved by the Spirit and led to repentance and faith in Christ that men have their names written in the Lamb's book of life. Sometimes people pray, "Save us in Heaven, for Jesus' sake. Amen." But that is a foolish prayer. Salvation is obtained in this life, and not in the next. The great decision is made now while we live and not after we are dead. One who waits until the last judgment to learn whether he has been saved or not is likely to be due for a terrible disappointment, for salvation is a present-day matter. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

No Present on the Christmas Tree

When I was a small boy in west Texas, the entire community would have a Christmas tree at one of the churches. There nearly everybody would bring their pres-

ents for children, for parents, for sweetheart, for friends. Those were exciting days. We could hardly wait until the program of songs and "recitations" and speeches were over and "Santa Claus" would begin to read the names on presents taken from the tree one by one and handed out by his helpers to boys and girls. What anticipation! What thrills! I sat many a time hoping against hope. Could that air gun be mine? Was that the ball and bat and glove that I had wanted so long? A thousand hopes and fears made the suspense almost unbearable, and we waited breathlessly each for his name to be called. The packages, mysteriously wrapped, might be almost anything glamorous and fine! But my father was poor and we never spent much for Christmas. Year after year I saw the finest presents handed out to others and I waited while hope ebbed slowly away. If the last present was given and my name was not called, then the mock Santa Claus would reach under the tree and get some little bag made of netting, holding hard candy and perhaps an orange, and these would be handed out to any children who had gotten no presents, and sometimes to all alike.

It is a faint picture, I know—for how can one picture the despair of a lost soul? And yet it reminds me of how a poor, doomed sinner must feel when the book of life, God's last witness, is brought out against him and his despairing eyes search those holy pages and finally with such sadness as none of us can ever know unless we go to Hell, he must say, "Oh, God! It is not there! My name is not in the book of life!"

Oh, if you want your name in the book of life, you must get it done now, and then you will not come to this awful judgment from which every soul, judged, returns to the lake of fire because his name is not in the book of life!

Every lost sinner might well burn into his heart these words by J. A. Brown, the sweet gospel singer:

In a day that is not far,
At the blazing judgment bar,
Even now the awful summons
I can hear;

I must meet the mighty God,
I must face His holy Word,
I must stand before the judgment bar.

I must meet each broken vow,
That I hold so lightly now,
Every heartache I have caused,
Each sigh, each tear;
Things that time cannot erase,
I must meet them face to face,
When I stand before the judgment bar.

Every secret lust and tho't
There shall be to judgment bro't,
When the Lord in all His glory
shall appear;
All the deeds of darkest night
Shall come out to greet the light
When I stand before the judgment bar.

I must meet my cankered gold,
For whose greed my life was sold,
It shall mock me in the judgment's lurid glare,
Saying ye have sold for naught,
All the Saviour's blood had bo't,
And you stand before the judgment bar.

Oh, my record will be there,
Be its pages dark or fair,
When I stand before the judgment bar;

When the books shall open lie,
In the morning bye and bye,
Oh, my record! Oh, my record
will be there!

Conclusion: Sinner, You Need Not Come to This Judgment

This is a striking and terrible thought; that sinners must face God and their sins. No wonder the Scripture says, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment!" But thank God, you do not have to wait for that awful day, my sinner friend. If you will trust in Christ you can escape that judgment, for Revelation 20:6 says,

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of

God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

God loves you, brother! Trust Him for forgiveness and mercy today and you will not come to this awful judgment. Christ was judged for your sins on the cross. When He cried out just before He died, "It is finished," He meant that every sin of yours and mine was paid for—every one, thank God! And now He pleads, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). You can have mercy instead of justice if you trust in Christ.

John 5:24 teaches us that if you will trust in Christ you will have no judgment, no condemnation, no second death. There Jesus said, as recorded in the Revised Version,

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but hath passed out of death into life."

Cometh not into judgment! That is what I need, and thank God, that is what I have.

And now let us read the last verse of the poem above and may God grant it will be the prayer of every sinner who reads it.

Let me turn and seek the Lord,
Let me trust His holy Word,

Let us bow and call upon Him
while He's near;

Then when I may record face,
He will answer in my place!

When I stand before the judgment bar.

Christ will answer in your place, sinner, if you trust Him. He bore your sins. He took your place. He is even now at the right hand of the Father to intercede for those who trust Him. He is one Lawyer that never loses a case, one Physician who never fails, one Friend that never turns His back on His own.

My message is done and my heart is burdened. God will hold you to account for the way you read and the decision you make. Will you today confess your sins and trust Christ to forgive you? Will you claim Him as your Saviour? If you will, why not solemnly, with all your heart, settle the matter with God and then sign the accompanying statement, taking Christ as your own personal Saviour?

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brink of hell. His silver is scattered, and he falls upon the dust of the highway, crying out for mercy.

"There was a wonderful work amongst the children. The blessing had come to Coleraine, and one day the school master observed a boy so troubled that he was quite unfit for lessons. He kindly sent him home in the company of an older boy who had already found peace. As the two lads went on their way they saw an empty house, and went into it for prayer.

"While they knelt the painful burden lifted from the boy's heart. He sprang to his feet in a transport of joy. Returning to the school, he ran up to the master and, with a beaming face, cried out, 'Oh, I am so happy! I have the Lord Jesus in my heart.' The effect of these artless words was very great. Boy after boy rose and silently left the room. In a little while the master followed and discovered his boys ranged alongside the wall of the playground, every one apart and on his knees!

"Very soon their silent prayer became a bitter cry. It was heard by those within and pierced their hearts. They cast themselves upon their knees, and their cry for mercy was heard in the girls' schoolroom above. In a few moments the whole school, was upon its knees, and its wail of distress was heard in the street.

"Neighbors and passers-by came flocking in, and, as they crossed the threshold, came under the same convicting power. Every room was filled with men, women and children seeking God. The ministers of the town and men of prayer were sent for, and the whole day was spent in directing these mourners to the Lord Jesus. That school proved to be for many the house of God and the very gate of heaven.

"It pleased God to use in a very remarkable manner the simple testimony of the four young men of Connor. Through them the revival reached Belfast. Of a sudden, ministers who had toiled in vain for years found themselves surrounded by sin-sick souls clamoring for the life-giving Word. But for the cooperation of Sabbath School teachers and other friends they would speedily have been exhausted with the work. Vast and memorable gatherings were held. Districts notorious as the scenes of party strife, witnessed the triumph of the gospel of peace. Bitter opponents knelt together at the Saviour's feet. Belfast became like a city of God.

Greatest Revival in Many Years
The awakening that followed was indeed extraordinary. It was the greatest spiritual quickening that the land had witnessed for generations. Visitors from many lands flocked to Ireland to witness the great awakening. Churches were filled to overflowing. The hearts of the ministers sang for joy as they saw sinners in an agony of soul under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit; then bursting forth into ecstatic joy as

they found pardon and peace; and going forth with the light of heaven on their faces and to tell others the glad tidings.

A stirring history of the revival was written by Professor William Gibson, the moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. It is a book of some 500 pages. It is filled with authentic stories of large numbers of people who were converted during the revival. In speaking of how the awakening started in a quiet corner of Ireland, and spread rapidly here and there, Professor Gibson says: "In startling and impressive grandeur it burst forth in a comparatively sequestered region; and scarcely had the new-born flame, drawn down by a few earnest watchers there, begun to burn, when it spread in all directions over an entire province. All classes and all ages caught the heavenly fire."

The fact that there were "some temporary excesses and extravagancies" in connection with the revival did not trouble Professor Gibson. He asked, who at such a time would criticise or "grudge" to these new-gathered souls the overflowing fulness of their joy?"

Converts Carry Fire to Other Communities

As is so often the case in revivals the converts of one place carried the fire to other communities. Rev. A. J. Canning of Coleraine, Ireland, tells how the awakening came to that town: "Upon the evening of the 7th of June, 1859, an open-air meeting was held in one of the market-places of the town, called 'Fair-Hill.' The announced object of the meeting was to receive and hear one or two of the 'converts,' as they began to be called, from a district some eight or ten miles south of Coleraine. The evening was one of the most lovely that ever shone. The richly wooded banks of the river Bann, which bounds one side of the square in which the meeting was held, were fully in prospect, and there was not a cloud in the sky.

"Shortly after seven o'clock, dense masses of people, from town and country, began to pour into the square by all its approaches, and in a short time an enormous multitude crowded around the platform from which speakers were to address the meeting. After singing and prayer, the converts, a young man and a man more advanced in years, and both of the humbler class, proceeded to address the meeting. Their addresses were short, and consisted almost entirely of a detail of their own awakening, and earnest appeals to the consciences of sinners. After the lapse of nearly an hour, it became manifest that more than one-half of the congregated multitude could not hear the voices of the speakers on the platform. Then it was suggested that the people should separate into distinct congregations or groups, and that a minister should preach to each group. This was immediately done, and some three or four separate audiences were soon listening with most marked attention to as many preachers, for all the ministers of all the evangelical churches in the

town were present.

"I was engaged in addressing a large group of people, composed of all ages and of all ranks of the community, from a portion of Scripture, when I became struck with the deep and peculiar attention which every mind and heart was lending to what I said. As to manner, my address was very calm; as to matter it consisted of plain gospel truth, as it concerns man's lost condition on the one hand, and the free grace of God, as displayed in salvation, on the other. I know that the addresses of my brethren were of a like character. I never saw before, in any audience, the same searching, earnest, riveted look fixed upon my face, as strained up to me from almost every eye in that hushed and apparently awe-struck multitude. I remember, even whilst I was speaking, asking myself, 'How is this? why is this?' As yet, however, the people stood motionless, and perfectly silent.

"About the time the last speaker was closing his address, a very peculiar cry arose from out a dense group at one side of the square, and in less than ten minutes a similar cry was repeated in six or eight different groups, until, in a very short time, the whole multitude was divided into awe-struck assemblages around persons prostrate on the ground, or supported in the arms of relatives or friends.

"I hurried to the center of one of these groups, and having first exhorted the persons standing around to retire, and leave me to deal with the prostrate one, I stooped over him, and found him to be a young man of some eighteen or twenty years, but personally unknown to me. He lay on the ground, his head supported on the knees of an elder of one of our churches. His eyes were closed; his hands were firmly clasped, and occasionally very forcibly pressed upon the chest. He was uttering incessantly a peculiar deep moan, sometimes terminating in a prolonged wailing cry.

"I felt his pulse, and could discern nothing very peculiar about it. I said, softly and quietly in his ear, 'Why do you cry so?' when he opened his eyes for an instant, and I could perceive that they had, stronger than I ever saw it before, that inward look, which indicates that the mind is wholly occupied with its own images and impressions. 'Oh!' he exclaimed, high and loud, in reply to my question, 'my sins! my sins! Lord Jesus, have mercy upon my poor soul! O Jesus! come! O Lord Jesus, come!'

"I endeavored to calm him for a moment, asking him to listen to me whilst I set before him some of the promises of God to perishing sinners. At first I thought that I was carrying his attention with me in what I was saying, but I soon discovered that his whole soul was filled with one idea—his guilt and his danger—for, in the middle of my repetition of some promise, he would burst forth with the bitter cry, 'O God, my sins! my sins!' At length I said in his ear, 'Shall I pray?' He replied in a loud voice, 'Oh, yes!' I engaged in prayer, and yet I doubt whether his mind followed me beyond the first sentence or two.

"As I arose from prayer, six or eight persons, all at the same instant, pressed around me, crying, 'Oh, come and see (naming such a one—and-and)!'—until I felt for a moment bewildered, and the prayer went out from my own heart, 'God guide me!' I passed from case to case for two or three hours, as did my brethren in the ministry, until, when the night was far spent, and the stricken ones began to be removed to the shelter of roofs, I turned my face homewards through one street, when I soon discovered that the work which had begun in the market-square was now advancing with marvelous rapidity in the homes of the people. As I approached door after door, persons were watching for me and other ministers, to bring us to deal with some poor agonized stricken one; and when the morning dawned, and until the sun arose, I was wandering from street to street, and

from house to house, on the most marvelous and solemn errand upon which I have ever been sent."

Eye-Witness Account

An eye-witness of the revival in Ballymena says: "It was in the opening summer that the revival came, when the light lingers so long at nightfall, and the bright mornings break so soon. We can remember how many lighted windows there were though the night was far gone, and how prayer-meetings were prolonged 'til the day had returned again. Every evening the churches were crowded, and family worship became almost universal. In the country, large meetings were held in the open air. Part of the dinner-hour was generally devoted to singing and prayer, and the sound from numerous groups of worshippers could be heard far at a distance as it was borne on the summer breeze. Thousands of tracts were circulated and read with avidity, and long-neglected Bibles came into general use.

When the great outpouring came, worldly men were silent with an indefinite fear, and Christians found themselves borne onward in the current, with scarce time for any feeling but the overpowering conviction that a great revival had come at last. Careless men were bowed in unaffected earnestness, and sobbed like children. Drunkards and boasting blasphemers were awed into solemnity. Sabbath-school teachers and scholars became seekers of Christ together; and languid believers were stirred up to unusual exertion. Ministers who had often toiled in heartfelt sorrow suddenly found themselves beset by inquirers, and wholly unequal to the demands which were made. Every day many were hopefully converted, passing through an ordeal of conviction more or less severe, to realize their great deliverance, and to throw themselves with every energy into the work of warning others, or of leading them to the Lord. All this came suddenly."

A Deep and Lasting Work

The revival was not a mere emotional upheaval. The work of God's Spirit was deep and lasting. Rev. John Stuart tells of the revival in a place not far from Coleraine: "Never was there such a summer as the last; never such an autumn; never such a winter, so far as it has gone. Hundreds have been savingly converted to the Lord; some 'stricken' down when the Spirit came upon them like a 'rushing mighty wind'; others convinced and converted whilst He spake to their consciences by the 'still small voice.' The first effect of the revival was, that 'fear came upon every soul.' Then our church was filled to suffocation, and we were obliged to take to the open fields to declare the message of mercy to a hungry and thirsting population. The hitherto unoccupied pews were ardently sought after. The aisles were filled with anxious hearers, and now preaching became a luxury. I had pastor's work to do. I had living men and living women before me. They came to the sanctuary on the sole errand of obtaining the 'bread of life.' Every Sabbath was a day of 'sweet refreshing.' On every week-day evening 'they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard,' and 'there were added to the church daily such as should be saved.' Of all the stricken ones—two hundred in number—I do not know of one backslider."

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When Skeletons Come Out of the Closets

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Dead, I confess I am a guilty sinner and dare not delay in my sin lest I should come to the awful judgment of the unsaved dead. Therefore, I here and now confess myself a wicked sinner, and trust Christ to save me. I receive Him into my heart as my own Saviour today, risking Him to give me everlasting life and to keep me from the judgment.

Date.....

Signed

Address

If you have earnestly and with

all your heart accepted Christ as your own Saviour today, will you write to me and tell me so? Write to Evangelist John R. Rice, Wheaton, Illinois. Then I beg you, claim Christ openly and live for Him.

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"He Shall Save His People"

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but by wilful transgression he shattered that image. Therefore through all the blessed pages of the Old Testament Scriptures we see that something had to be done by someone who was greater than man and more powerful than Satan. So our first explicit prophecy of God's provision of love is found in Genesis 3:15, when our first parents, being seduced by the subtlety and temptation of Satan, sinned in eating of the forbidden fruit and thus fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, thus becoming dead in the trespasses and sins.

Wherefore, God, walking in the garden in the cool of the evening, and finding sinful man sewing fig leaves for a covering, graciously clothed them with coats of skin and gave them the first ray of hope that He had provided a Redeemer. When God said, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel," there began the royal seed line, and becomes God's first prophecy of His provision of love.

Thereafter every type, every symbol, every allusion in the ceremonial worship points to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. And to those who would speak disparagingly of the bloody rites and ceremonies of the law, we would reply that they only show the deep-rooted sinfulness and depravity of man. Sin separates from God. A substitutionary sacrifice must be made. No mere slaying of an animal can bridge the gulf. It is not until God takes the offerings, according to His plan and purpose, that they can avail. Therefore, we read in Galatians 4:4, that in the fulness of time, "God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." And for this reason God's prophesied provision became, in the last place,

3. Personalized

It is not enough that God so loved the world. He loves you and me. It is a "whosoever will" gospel. God does not save en masse. He saves those who believe. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." It is true that the objects of God's love are the people of all races, the people of all classes. That God should love the good, we can understand. But, that God should love the vile, the outcast, the worthless, the criminal, is the thing that is hard of comprehension. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Rom. 5:8-10.)

And, since this provision of God's love has become personalized, what shall be our treatment of it? What are we doing with it? Some are denying it. Others only mention the God who loves them, to take His name in vain. There are others who are conscious rebels against God. Still others despise His love and trample it under their unholy feet. Many are neglecting God's love. But there are some who have already, and there are others who will even now, accept this love.

If we accept His love and the provision of it, He gives us eternal life. John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." If we reject this love we are guilty of the most awful, the most appalling sin that it is possible for us to be guilty of. We lose eternal life, for Jesus says in John 5:40, "And ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life." And there is a "certain fearful looking

for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. . . . It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God" (Heb. 10:27, 31). Will you accept this love right now? Listen to His tender pleading: "Turn ye, turn ye, why will you die?" What do you hope, dear brother, To gain by a further delay? There's no one to save you but Jesus.

There's no other way but His way.

Do you not feel, dear brother, His Spirit now striving within? Oh, why not except His salvation, And throw off your burden of sin?

II. God's Answer to Man's Greatest Problems

There are three great problems that face every person: (1) Comfort in the hour of sorrow; (2) Peace with God in the forgiveness of sin; (3) Peace in the hour of death. And Jesus Christ is the only one adequate to all three of these. If we make peace with God through the forgiveness of sins, by faith in Christ Jesus, we have the answer to the other two problems of life, for He is the comfort in the sorrows of life. There is no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. And He gives peace in the hour of death.

A soldier lay dying on the battlefield and the chaplain went over to him, and taking his own canteen and putting it to the parched lips of the dying soldier gave him a drink of water. Then he laid his head back and made the soldier as comfortable as possible. When this was done, he said, "Is there anything else I can do for you, buddy?"

"In my pocket a Testament; read, please," was the dying boy's request.

The chaplain took the Testament and began to read: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me [Christ]. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). He continued to read until he came to that verse that says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The soldier had crossed his arms on his chest, and when the chaplain had finished, said: "That is enough, Chappy. I have that peace." And in a few minutes he passed to be with Jesus with a smile of peace on his lips that only Jesus can give in the hour of death.

My friend, let me ask you: Do you have that peace that passeth all understanding? Do you have that joy unspeakable and full of glory that Jesus alone can give? It is yours for the asking, for "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

And this salvation that is spoken of in the verse, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" tells us that we are saved from something to something. This salvation has a three-fold meaning.

1. Saved From the Past

And who is there of you listening to me right now that does not have a past? Blessed be God, this salvation that I am talking to you about takes care of that. God says, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). And, as far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from Him. Isn't it wonderful to know that we shall never have to face our past again? Remember, my friend, it is impossible for God to see your sins under the blood of Christ. Would you like to be rid of the past? Take it to Jesus; tell Him how sinful you have been. Ask Him to remove it from you and

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Devil

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I read your pamphlet on 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' It inspired me enough to go to our Chaplain on the ship and confess to him and accept God as my personal Saviour. It was as though God Himself had laid His hand on my shoulder to give me assurance of His forgiveness. Had it not been for this pamphlet, I may not have made this confession to our chaplain on the S. S. Marine Devil.

"It took me a long time to realize that through God I could ever be contented. But it is the only way. If only more of our service men would put their trust in God Almighty, they would be much happier, their loved ones would be much closer to them. Since I have learned to trust and believe in God Almighty, my loved ones are with me.

"I can fully understand how unhappy and thoroughly discontented I have been until I found the Lord.

"Thank you so much for your inspiring book. I hope that many more can read it and receive the inspiration to receive our Saviour, God Almighty. God bless you, Brother Rice."

Pvt. Charles O. H.
Kornwestheim, Germany

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"Dear Brother Rice:

"I read your booklet, 'What

save you for His dear name's sake. Trust His promise in Hebrews 10:17, "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." He will give you that peace that passes all understanding. And He is the only one who can do that. Will you trust Him just now? May God help you to do so.

2. But This Salvation Gives Power for the Present

It is not enough to be saved from the past. We must have power over sin within and Satan without. That is the meaning of our text, "For he shall save his people from their sins." God never did promise to save us in our sins. Salvation is "from" something, "to" something. It is saved from a dead past to a living present and future. "He shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Notice that it is He that does it. If we were left to our own strength we should be no match for Satan. But when Jesus saves us, He engages to fight our battles with Satan for us. That is salvation! You are not left alone; He who fought Satan on his own ground and overcame him, will defend us if we trust Him for salvation. You are no match for Satan. You have been fighting a losing battle. Why will you continue to fight alone? Why not turn your case over to Him who is victorious and will give you victory in this life.

Remember, we trust in the death of Christ to pay the penalty for our sins. But we trust in the resurrection power of the living Christ to keep us. And His promise is, "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one" (John 10:29, 30). Jesus saves us from the past with all its guilt and penalty for sin, which is death. And He gives us power and dominion over sin in the present, so we shall be able to live victoriously. And, if this were all, it would be a wonderful salvation. But there is something grander still, for

3. He Shall Save Us From the Very Presence of Sin
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"I could tell you this and that, but I may not trouble you. We greet you sincerely."

Karl Edgar Kuhn and Mrs. K.
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think of living in a city where there is nothing that can taint, or mar, or harm, or destroy! "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:1-3).

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,

And be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

What if He were to come today—would you, like the soldier on the battlefield, be ready?

A soldier lay dying and a buddy slipped over to him. The voice was very weak, but bending his ear close so he could catch what the dying soldier said, the buddy asked him what he was saying. Then summoning all of his strength, the dying boy said: "They are calling the roll of my company, and I'm answering." Then, after a few moments he said as loudly as he could, "Here!" and slipped into the arms of Jesus, in whose blood he was trusting, and in whose salvation he was rejoicing.

Will you take the stand with Him now? While the choir sings "Just As I Am," will you open the door of your heart and let Jesus come in? May God help you to do so now.

the gospel far and wide? We gave away over \$14,000 worth of literature during 1946. Perhaps He is speaking to your heart about helping in the work with your gifts or ordering salvation books to give to unsaved loved ones. Sinners are hungry for the gospel. Surely these letters you have just read prove it.

Here is how you can help: First, pray that God will use the literature as it goes out to those in darkness. Second, see what He would have you do to help in getting the gospel into the hands of the unsaved. If He impresses you to help in spreading this literature, send your offerings. They will be used carefully and prayerfully, a receipt will be sent for each gift. If the Lord speaks to you to order some of this literature to give to unsaved friends, then write us and say how you plan to use it. Copies of the little twenty-four page booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" which has been used to the salvation of thousands of souls, will be sent free, provided you give them according to our direction. They are too expensive to give away carelessly, but if you promise to follow our plan of giving copies only to those who promise to read them, accompanied wherever possible by a personal word, then we will send you as many as you request. Otherwise, you may purchase them at 2c each. Write us of your need today, or send your gifts to Free Literature Fund, Sword of the Lord Publishers, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

The Editor's Engagements

The editor, Evangelist John R. Rice, is now engaged in a city-wide union revival campaign at Lima, Ohio. Nearly all the churches have officially endorsed the campaign and it is beautiful to see the praying, Bible-believing pastors on the platform each night. Dr. Harry Clarke is leading the singing. The campaign, in the South High School Auditorium, will continue through January 26, God willing. This campaign was originated by laymen in the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association and they have the hearty cooperation of the pastors.

February 2-16 the Rice-Clarke team will be in the city-wide campaign at Shenandoah, Iowa. Services will be held in the First Methodist Church. This campaign is unusual in that it was promoted officially by the local ministerial association. The one church in town not a member of the local council of churches has joined in heartily and plans for the campaign. The evangelist wrote saying he wanted it understood that he would preach salvation by the blood of Christ alone and would be plain and sharp in his Bible preaching against sin. The reply was that that was exactly the kind of preaching they needed and desired.

February 18-March 2 a union campaign is planned in Marion, Ohio.

March 9-30 Dr. Rice and his helpers will be in San Pedro, California, in a union campaign. This campaign was initiated by the local Association of Evangelicals but a number of other churches have been enlisted who will cooperate heartily in the campaign.

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"Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription for another year. I would rather go without physical food than the spiritual food I receive from this blessed publication.

"THE SWORD OF THE LORD was just sent to me by a friend three years ago. At first it seemed to be just another paper lying around in my way. My, how times have changed! When it comes now, I simply sit down and read it all the way through. Then later I go over it again and feast my soul on the Word. I try to pass my copies to others also, as I can't bear to throw them away, and I hate to part with them."—Warren, Ohio.

Many of our readers are generous, in giving their papers to friends to read, but some of them are more reluctant, because they like to keep the paper (and we certainly can't blame them for that!) Another letter from Marjette, Ohio says:

"I like the paper very much and do not want to miss a copy. I like Dr. Hyman Appelmann's sermons. Every time he has a sermon in the paper I give it to my friends to read, but I always want them back as I want to keep them and then tell others about it."

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Another, from Mount Vernon, Ohio, writes:

"I get so much spiritual food from your paper each week that I want others to get the same, so am sending for three subscriptions. . . .

"An unknown person sent me THE SWORD OF THE LORD paper two years ago for the first time, and I wouldn't be without it. My husband and I were not saved at the time and we got started going to church after reading your weekly paper and were saved almost a year ago at the First Baptist Church here."

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Here Are Some Ways to Use The Sword of the Lord

In reading these letters, we have discovered several ways of getting out the SWORD OF THE LORD that we hadn't thought of before. We offer them here as suggestions to you.

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2. "I am enjoying your paper. The articles are very good to cut out and enclose in letters to saved and unsaved." We believe most people would enjoy having the whole paper, but perhaps you think a particular article will appeal to a friend. Send it to him!

3. "We have been getting THE SWORD OF THE LORD for some time, perhaps two years; and we thank God for it, and all the blessings it contains.

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There are enough of you good folks to put it over if each of you will do his part. Your part may be a large amount or it may be a small amount. This is not our work any more than it is your work. All of us Christian people are just partners in the same big business—God's business. Some of you have been very kind and we have appreciated all you have done. Some of you have been planning to invest some of the Lord's money in this great Christian undertaking and you have been putting off sending in the money. Remember, we are counting on you. Don't forget, you can help us in these three ways:

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"January 4, 1947

"Svornosti Cisko 5,

"Kosice, Slovakia

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"It was truly a wonderful surprise to receive such a quick response to our letter that we sent with the tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' We were truly pleased that you were so eager to get this tract into the hands of these needy people in Europe. Truly our hearts are towards these people here and we rejoice when something is done in their behalf.

"The reason I didn't answer your letter before was that I knew of nothing to say until I had first contacted the printer as to the cost. I wrote soon after I received your first letter but as yet I haven't heard as I am traveling at the present time and have no access to my mail. However, a greater surprise came when I received the second letter with the check for \$100. I want to thank you for it in the name of the Lord. If we had those addresses of those chaplains we could send them tracts immediately. We will wait, however, till we hear again and then we will send them out in the next mail.

"We are truly putting these

tracts to use. Christians want them in every town and village and when we give them a few they want to pay for them, but we always give them free if they promise to give them only to people whom they know will read them. I give them to every new convert, that is to say, one to a convert. I tell them to read it and then give it to someone else.

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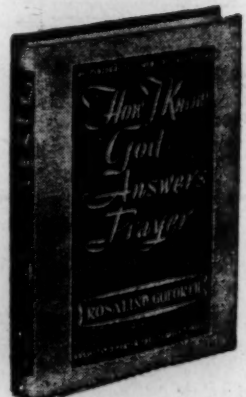
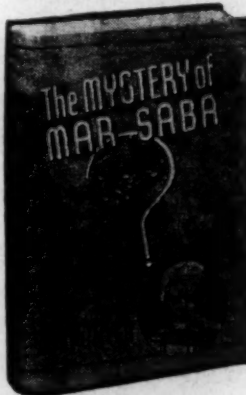
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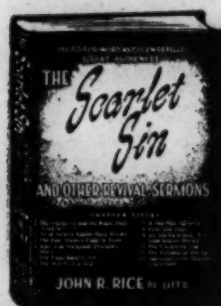
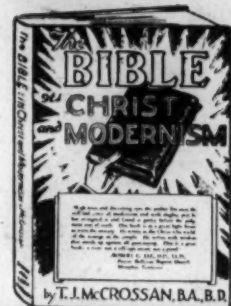
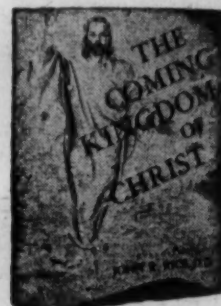
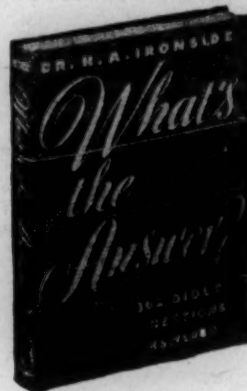
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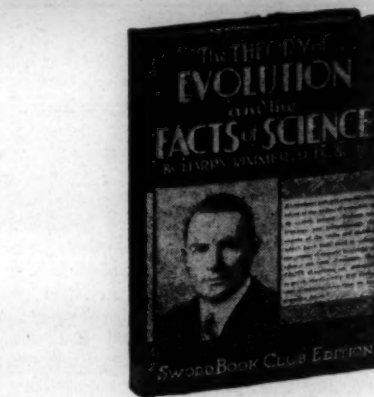


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